The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Several years ago, you crafted a new telecommuncations and cable television bill which you promised, after being enacted into law, would reduce almost 90% of the population's cable bills while upgrading the level of service.

Several years later, my bills are higher, the cable service is lousier and that is why I went to Dish Network. Now, I want my local channels and other programming which is currently blocked under the regulations in effect.

Get off your duffs, gentlemen and ladies, and do something which will net us real results. Allow for the merger of EchoStar and Direct TV.

Thanks, for something.

Sincerely,

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